Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 24 Mar 2022 until 23:59 on Friday 25 Mar 2022

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 23 Mar 2022 at 15:58 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for often dry, mild, settled conditions to the end of the week, but low for cloud amounts, and amounts of drizzle on Thursday and Friday. Low confidence in timing and extent of rain and snow on Monday, and for how low freezing levels will fall.

Headline for Thursday 24 Mar 2022: Low cloud, some drizzle in the west. Chilly on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 24 Mar 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Clear night	Partly cloudy (night)	Light rain	Light rain	Dull	Dull	Cloudy	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
00%	<05%	20%	20%	10%	10%	10%	<05%

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Weather: Dry with clear spells and some patchy mist or frost in the glens away from the coast through the early hours, but cloud increasing around dawn. Some early morning brightness possible across the Trossachs, otherwise a dull day with persistent low cloud. Some patchy light drizzle across western hills in the morning, but mainly dry in the afternoon. Occasional clear spells develop in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20-30%

Low Cloud and visibility: Visibility mostly good outside of low cloud, a slight haze in the morning. Cloud becoming extensive in the morning, bases lowering to 500-600m near the coast, 700-800m in the east around Loch Lomond. Cloud may lift above the tops in the evening, most likely across eastern hills.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	16/20 S	18/22 S	17/21 S	18/22 S	17/23 SW	16/23 SW	15/20 SW	15/20 SW	14/19 SW
900	12/16 S	12/16 S	11/15 S	11/15 S	11/17 SW	11/18 SW	10/15 SW	10/14 SW	9/13 SW
600	10/13 S	10/13 S	9/12 S	10/13 SW	11/17 SW	12/18 SW	10/14 SW	9/13 SW	8/12 SW
300	6/9 S	6/9 S	6/8 S	5/8 SW	7/11 SW	7/13 SW	5/10 SW	5/8 SW	4/7 S
Glen	4/7 S	4/7 S	4/8 S	4/9 S	6/12 SW	6/12 SW	4/9 SW	3/7 S	3/6 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	1/-4	1/-5	1/-5	2/-3	3/-2	3/-2	2/-3	1/-4	1/-4
900	3/-2	2/-2	2/-2	4/0	5/2	5/2	4/1	3/-0	3/-1
600	6/3	5/2	5/2	6/4	8/5	8/4	7/4	6/3	5/3
300	8/6	8/6	7/6	8/7	9/8	9/8	9/8	8/7	7/6
Glen	8/7	8/6	8/7	9/8	11/10	11/10	10/9	9/8	8/7
Freezing Level*	1300m	1500m	1700m	1700m	1700m	1600m	1500m	1400m	1400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling chilly in the wind.

Forecast for Friday 25 Mar 2022

Weather: Mostly cloudy through the early hours. Cloud is likely to thin and break through the day with the best sunny spells in the west. However, Low cloud may be slow to clear along the west coast. Clear spells in the evening. Mainly dry, perhaps a few spots of light drizzle early morning in the west.

Maximum wind: West or southwest 15 mph, gusting 25-30 mph across the higher tops.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60% in the west, 80% in the east

Low Cloud and visibility: Visibility generally good or very good outside of any low cloud. Large uncertainty in cloud amounts, but bases likely to be occasionally down to 400-500m near the west coast. Further east, occasionally patchy cloud near the summits.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 Celsius rising to 12 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 4 Celsius rising to 6 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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